EDUCATION - HIGHER EDUCATION

Maximize remote learning with very limited exceptions

Exceptions to remote learning only for specific learning opportunities that are not conducive to remote instruction, including certain clinical, occupational, and career and technical programs, to be determined by the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE). Institutions wishing to conduct in-person learning in the above categories must obtain approval from the <u>Department of Higher Education</u>. Institutions should consider recommendations below.

WORKSPACES	EMPLOYEES/FACULTY	TO PROTECT STUDENTS/VISITORS
 Ensure 6-foot distance between all students, faculty, and staff wherever possible Limit, wherever possible, the sharing of equipment and other resources Ensure classes allow for appropriate physical distancing Restrict group gatherings outside of classes, social or otherwise, unless pre-approved Conduct increased cleaning of campus spaces in accordance with CDPHE guidance (Additional Guidance) Ensure ventilation of classroom and office spaces meets OSHA guidance Post signage for staff and students on hygiene and safety measures Develop heightened procedures to maintain cleanliness of any on-campus housing and to stagger access to shared areas (consider leveraging existing RA programs) Increase capacity of campus health facilities and personal protective equipment Develop protocols for how to treat symptomatic students including guidance on how to self-isolate and self-quarantine, whether to leave campus to return home, depending on travel requirements, etc. Campus recreational services including gyms remain closed Ancillary student services including bookstores, other retail and food, maintenance, etc. to follow relevant industry guidelines 	 Conduct daily temperature checks and monitor symptoms in employees and refer symptomatic employees to the CDPHE Symptom Tracker (Additional Guidance) Require use of face coverings or masks whenever possible; extend separation to 12 feet if lecturing without a mask (Additional Guidance) Require frequent handwashing upon arrival, departure and throughout the day, and have hand sanitizer available in public areas Require faculty and staff to stay home if showing any symptoms or signs of sickness Encourage all employees not critical to in-person operations or not classified as essential employees to continue working from home / remotely Limit non-essential travel for faculty and staff and implement 14-day self-quarantine measures when travel does occur This section includes: 2- and 4-year institutions, both public and private Private religious institutions authorized by the CDHE Private occupational schools Career and technical education programs 	 Restrict all non-essential visitors Conduct symptom checks for any essential visitors who will interact with students Provide clear communications on COVID-19 symptoms and implement social contracts with students to acknowledge that they are symptom-free if on campus Update student Codes of Conduct to influence responsible on- and off-campus behavior Leverage all student communication channels to educate and reinforce responsible behaviors Require students showing symptoms to report symptoms to campus health for instruction on next steps Require students and visitors to wear face coverings or masks For students who require on-campus housing, limit to one student per room, if possible Restrict all study-abroad programs and limit non-essential travel during scheduled breaks Monitor student self-quarantine after essential travel or potential exposure Ensure physical distancing in student lounges and common areas Additional resources and guidelines: Colorado Department of Higher Education COVID-19 Resources